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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 5552.1443-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Paul MELLER )  
Serial No.: NEW ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Filed: October 6, 2000 ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC )  
AND NEPHELOMETRIC )  
DETECTION UNIT )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the present specification as follows:

At page 1, delete lines 1 and 2 entirely.

At page 13, delete lines 1 through 4 entirely and replace them with "WHAT IS  
CLAIMED IS:".